

of the questions that I think are raised in here. We're going to be putting the NRDs in a position of enforcing a situation much more than they have been in the past, acknowledge that they are going to be there because they can opt into this, it's an option that they will have. But who will pay for the litigation or we're going to get into more litigation costs as time goes along. Are we going to put them in a position of having to spend more and more money for legal fees? Are we ready to put NRDs in maybe an adverse position in the country? Would it be better for us to use an educational process for avoiding the tearing up of lands, especially Class VI, VII and VIII, rather than to absolutely say no, you can't do it with or without a conversation plan. I think there are very many good aspects in this and I'm not really necessarily speaking against the bill. I'm really saying I think it needs a little more study, a little more enlightening, if you will, of the...to the public of what it is really all about. As I said, we do have some protection at the federal level now. I don't think we're going to be tearing a lot of grasslands out in the next few months, so I'd say, let's use this time wisely and have our committee, Resources Committee study this and try to come up with something, something a little more better, a little better, probably more educational. Another issue I think that we need to consider is that we have had a long-standing commitment in this country to private property and actually the sacredness of the property and the ability of a person to handle this as he will and we're going to have the government take a step into here, some might consider it a giant step, into actually telling you what you're going to be able to do with your own land. And I think we'd be much better served if we would get into this on an educational process and that well could be part of the bill rather than to come out and absolutely mandate what you may or may not be able to do with your land. We also have definitions of what native grassland is. Has it been there before? Has it receded to native grasses? The bill says native flora to that area. I can see it raising some questions across the state as to what is native to a specific area. So I would urge consideration at this time to bracket this until January '88 and we can take a more, additional reasoned approach to this issue.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Wehrbein motion to bracket LB 124. Senators Rod Johnson, Schmit and Morehead. Senator Rod.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Speaker Barrett, members, I rise with mixed